

North High Alums Set Reunion

Members of the North High School Class of 1958 are making plans for their 10-year reunion, scheduled for June 22 at the Los Verdes Country Club, Palos Verdes.

"All reservations must be made in advance," states Bob McHugh, class president and reunion chairman. "The donation will be \$7.50 per person for the dinner-dance."

Checks, money orders or information about any member of the North Torrance school's 1958 class should be directed to Bob Mitchell, 925 Walnut Ave., Inglewood, or to Robert McHugh, 71 W. Arbor, Long Beach.

Cold Water Poses Dangers For Fishermen, Swimmers

The hazards of prolonged immersion in cold water were stressed today by the Red Cross as it warned early spring boat users, fishermen, and swimmers to exercise extra precautions to avoid "falling in" accidents.

In many areas of the state, river, lake, and ocean waters will not warm up until June, Roger Raisted, director of safety services for the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross, said.

"More fishermen drown in May than in any other month he declared. 'Probably many of the deaths are due to their inability to save themselves because of the cold water. Fatal cooling is most apt to occur in water

than in air, because wetting rapidly decreases the insulating effect of clothing. Body heat loss in cold water occurs at 2 to 4 times the rate observed in air at the same temperature."

"EVEN expert swimmers can drown if they are immersed in near icy water long enough to lose the capacity to move their arms and legs," he added.

"If you suddenly find yourself in cold water, do not try to remove your clothing. Everything, including clothing, weighs less under water," he said. "The clothing will help you retain body heat by reducing water flow over the body surface, and can also

hold and trap air which will add to your natural buoyancy," Plaisted said.

It is imperative, he continued, to get out of cold water as fast as you can even if it means swimming away from your overturned or swamped boat to the nearest point of safety, although this violates the general rule about staying with your craft in case of capsizing.

"IN COLD water" Plaisted explained, "staying with your boat can be fatal, if rescue is delayed. When it is necessary to swim with clothes on, all movement of the arms and legs should be under water. Swim with, or at right angles to, the current for the nearest landing."

The U.S. Navy, as a result of studies conducted under arctic conditions, recommends the following first aid procedures for cold water immersion victims:

- If feasible, a victim taken from cold water should be warmed very quickly in a hot bath, 105 to 110 degrees Fahrenheit. Hot water should be added continuously until the body is warmed.

- Body temperatures should be raised very slowly if hot baths are not possible. Add extra clothing and keep the patient in a cool room; do not bring him into a warm room.

- Hot fluids may be given as tolerated.
- Medical aid should be summoned as quickly as possible.

ON THE FARM

Of the total persons living in the United States, 5.5 percent, or one person in 18, lived on farms, as of April, 1967.

SUPERVISOR CLAIMS

State Welfare Program Would Reduce Tax Rate

A 60-cent slash in the Los Angeles County tax rate would result if the State of California would take over the administration of welfare programs, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

In a strong statement favoring statewide administration of the system, Hahn said \$96 million annually would be saved in Los Angeles County alone—amounting to 60 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

"At present, the state of California and the federal government make the rules and regulations and the

counties must carry them out," Hahn observed.

THIS MAKES county government only the "paymaster-bookkeeper" for the massive welfare program, he stressed.

The state legislature, Hahn said, refuses to permit home rule to operate but blames local government for high taxes. "Where the authority for the program rests, in Sacramento, so should the full responsibility."

Hahn said state administration of the entire welfare program would save the taxpayers money by: eliminat-

ing duplication at the state and local level; providing a uniform system for all 58 California counties; assuring equal grants for recipients in each county; providing a uniform welfare code; and preventing "pressure groups" from massing attacks on one county's system and playing it off against another's.

Pvt. Bruce R. Wenban, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Wenban, 519 Paseo De Los Reyes, completed a helicopter repair course April 16 at the Army Transportation School, Ft. Eustis, Va.

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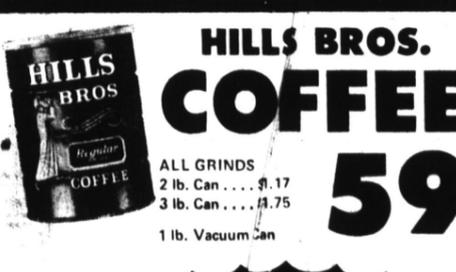
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